

**The Höffmann Academic Award
for Intercultural Competence 2020**

is being conferred at the University of Vechta.

The University of Vechta annually confers the Höffmann Academic Award for Intercultural Competence, sponsored by the Vechta-based travel company Höffmann Reisen GmbH. The award comes with a cash prize of € 10,000.

The Höffmann Academic Award is part of a long-term programme aimed at promoting intercultural competence, which is the key to peaceful and constructive co-operation between people of various ethnic, cultural and religious backgrounds. Intercultural competence enables us to identify common ground and to learn from our characteristic features. In many ways, intercultural issues are an integral element of academic research for numerous disciplines.

The aim of the Höffmann Academic Award is to support the endeavours of an outstanding academic by awarding a prize to groundbreaking work on topics of intercultural competence. Such work may concentrate on researching the topic from the perspective of a single discipline or it may be interdisciplinary in nature.

The management of a university or research institution can nominate candidates in the form of proposals. Candidates are not permitted to nominate themselves.

Nominations should contain the following:

- detailed reasons for the proposal
- two expert opinions, each by qualified university lecturers
- a curriculum vitae
- a list of previous publications.

Nominations and documents can be submitted in English or German.

The guidelines on the conferment of the award and other information are published on the website of the University of Vechta (www.uni-vechta.de).

A panel of judges decides on the conferment of the award. Its decision is final.

The academic award is presented at a public award ceremony at the University of Vechta, planned for January/February 2021.

Nominations are to be sent to the President of the University of Vechta by 17 July 2020 (please address queries to the academic director of the programme, Prof. Dr. Prof. h.c. Egon Spiegel: egon.spiegel@uni-vechta.de).

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